

Dallas Dec. 27, 1994

Hal:

I have studied your two-page "abstract" & agree with some of your ideas but not all

You know my location on the curb near the large tree & you know that I have stated that JFK's limo was about 30 to 40 feet PAST me when the FIRST shot was fired. I was still looking at Kennedy (from the back, of course).

At the sound of the first shot I saw JFK immediately raise both arms (as shown in the Zapruder film). I certainly have no proof, but Kennedy's reaction to that FIRST shot indicates to me that it DID INDEED HIT HIM !!!!! If one studies photos & the film, it appears the FIRST shot hit him in the neck. His hands are raised upward toward the front of his throat which tells us he was hit in the neck and is reaching in that direction !!!!

I am sorry tho, I cannot agree with your idea that, quote, "more than three shots were fired", unquote....ergo: conspiracy !!!!!

As an on -the-spot eye-witness, I KNOW, repeat KNOW, that only THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED & NO MORE !!!!! My customer also heard ONLY THREE SHOTS !!!!

If you will study the statements of ALL WITNESSES, you will find the consensus of opinion to be THREE SHOTS..... even tho a few witnesses heard 2 to 6 shots. Other facts.....the M-T shells, the eye- & "EAR" witnesses on the FIFTH FLOOR DIRECTLY BENEATH OSWALD'S LOCATION, etc. indicate only THREE SHOTS !!!!!

I refer you to pages 115 to 126 of the 1964 commercial version of the Warren Report....& to pages 74 thru 82 of the New York Times version of the Report.... (It is the section detailing the EYE-WITNESSES' testimony).

I am sorry once again to disagree with you on your theory of a conspiracy. Again I refer you to pages 37 thru 42 of the New York Times version & pages 58 thru 65 of the 1964 version of the Warren Report.

The Willis photo # 5 you mentioned....(copy enclosed) shows me in my dark blue hat between the standing secret service men on the running boards of their limo. JFK's head is visible (see arrow) as he appears to be DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME in the photo....This indicates to me that the FIRST shot was NOT FIRED at the same instant that Willis took the picture....nor was the photo-taken as a reaction to the sound of the FIRST shot...because JFK is DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME, AND THE FIRST SHOT WAS FIRED AFTER JFK's limo had passed me & was 30 to 40 feet beyond me.

It has been well established that JFK was hit (by the FIRST shot) when he was HIDDEN BEHIND THE HIGHWAY SIGN IN THE ZAPRUDER MOVIE, & as you can see in the Willis # 5, he is just BARELY behind the "leading edge" of the sign....so I believe sincerely that the First shot occurred a second or two AFTER Willis took his #5 photo !!!!!

I have not studied the detailed & numbered frames of Zapruder's movie like you. In fact I only have the very short portion that shows JFK's limo rounding the corner & passing in FRONT of me just a couple of seconds before it moves behind the sign...& when it emerges from the sign....so I cannot debate that part with you at all.

(over pls)

If you have a copy of the numbered-frames version I would gladly pay you for a copy if you are willing !!

In conclusion.....on your final statement in your "abstract".....
I agree that the FIRST SHOT apparently hit KENNEDY.....
but I disagree with your statement that the shot came from a direction OTHER than from behind the JFK limo !!! Again I suggest you read page 123 in the '64 Warren Report & page 80 in the New York Times version. ('tis the part about the Warren Commission members standing on the FIFTH FLOOR directly under Oswald's location, & heard for themselves, the bolt action of a rifle, & the empty shell casings hit the floor DIRECTLY ABOVE THEM..... This was tested...not once, not twice, but THREE TIMES !!!!)

Hal, I have read these two Warren reports thoroughly. I realize they did not interview everyone that WE think they should have...and I know they ignored some evidence that WE feel is crucial...but I feel..as an on-the-spot eye-witness to JFK's murder, that the Warren Commission did a sufficiently thorough job in their investigation of the intricate details in JFK's demise at the hands of the LONE assassin !!!!

I am not trying to start a controversy(spic) with you...you are entitled to your opinion the same as I, but I wud like to suggest that...if you haven't already done so, PLEASE READ & STUDY THE WARREN REPORT IN DETAIL !!!

ALL THE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF JFK'S MURDER HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY EXAMINED & REPORTED IN THE WARREN REPORT.....

Also you & I both know that ALL the subsequent investigations agreed with the BASIC FACTSD of the Warren report, except the House Committee which came up with the idea that quote "95% or better probability of a second gunman", unquote !!!!! Hal do you really think that statement has any CREDIBILITY to it at all ??? It too was refuted by the National Academy of Science later.....and can you hear the response of a Judge in a court of law when a prosecutor opens his remarks with...."Your honor, I intend to show that there is a 95 % PROBABILITY that Sam Spam here murdered Fred Redd....." I can hear the judge now....."CASE DISMISSED !!!!!"

If you get back to BIG D anytime soon call me at 361-6294.

Bye for now,

Ernest Brandt

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 of PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY on NOV. 22ND, 1963